

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 1, 2009 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 35 and 41 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-24, 27, and 29-41 are currently pending and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Office Action rejected claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants submit that this rejection is rendered moot for the following reasons.

Claim 41 has been amended to recite "A computer program embodied on a computer readable storage medium." As discussed during a telephone conversation with the Examiner on December 10, 2008, this amendment overcomes the rejection under §101. Claim 35 has been similarly amended. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action indicated that claims 1-24, 27, and 29-41 are in condition for allowance. Since all of the issues raised by the Office Action have been addressed and overcome, Applicants submit that the application is condition for allowance. As such, it is respectfully requested that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by

telephone, the applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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